

Peace Lutheran Church



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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / FEBRUARY 1, 2026

PASTORS: KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER
ELDERS
 Saturday 6:30pm George Quast, Wayne Vinkemeier
 Sunday 8:30am Kevin Buss, Dale Schumann
 Sunday 10:30am Marc Telecky
GREETERS
 Sunday 8:30am Scott and Shannon Streich
 Sunday 10:30am Barb Marquardt and Dianne Johnson

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT

Sundays Peace Center; 9:40am
 "Genesis-The Book of Beginnings, Part 2"
Tuesday & Cashwise Caribou; 6:45am
Saturdays "The Reason for God: Belief in An Age of Skepticism"
Wednesdays Peace Center (11:45am lunch prior to study
 "1 Samuel

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 11:30AM IN THE PEACE
CENTER. ATTENDANCE ENCOURAGED

THRIVENT CARDS NEEDED – WE HAVE SEVERAL
EVENTS COMING UP THAT WE NEED THRIVENT
CARDS FOR. CONTACT SUE IN THE OFFICE IF YOU
WOULD BE WILLING TO APPLY FOR ONE. THANKS!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – THE ANNUAL FISH FRY
WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH!

WE HAVE ADDED A DONATION BOX IN THE NARTHEX
FOR THE TAXI FUND. WE PROVIDE THIS SERVICE
FOR OUR SHUT-INS WHO HAVE NO OTHER WAY TO
ATTEND OUR WORSHIP SERVICES. THE COST FOR
THIS SERVICE AVERAGES \$800/MONTH. THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO YET, PLEASE PICK UP
YOUR 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND 2025
OFFERING STATEMENTS IN THE RAMPWAY. THANKS!

PLEASE NOTE OUR CURRENT DEBT BALANCE
LISTED BELOW! 2025 WAS AN AMAZING YEAR –
THANKS TO OUR WONDERFULLY, GENEROUS
MEMBERS, PLUS THE MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION OF
THE OCCASIONAL STORE AND OUR VARIOUS FUND
RAISERS. IT IS VERY EVIDENT THAT THIS DEBT CAN
BE TOTALLY RETIRED IN 2026!!!

WE WILL AGAIN BE OFFERING THE 13-WEEK GRIEF
SHARE SERIES ON MONDAYS 4-5:30PM STARTING
JANUARY 12TH. FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT
CONNIE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. YOU DO NOT HAVE
TO COMMIT TO THE ENTIRE SERIES, YOU ARE
WELCOME TO ATTEND JUST ONE OR TWO. IF YOU
HAVE ATTENDED PREVIOUSLY, YOU ARE WELCOME TO
ATTEND AGAIN. UPCOMING TOPICS FEB 2 "SELF-
CARE"; FEB 9 "FEARFUL & OVERWHELMED"; FEB 16
"ANGER"; FEB 23 "REGRETS"

GIFTS FROM THE HEART FOR THE LWML DISTRICT
CONVENTION ARE FOR MINISTRIES TO THE
HOMELESS OF THE NEW FREEDOM STORE IN THE
TWIN CITIES. WE WILL BE COLLECTING WINTER
COATS, SCARVES, HATS, GLOVES, SWEATSHIRTS AND
SOCKS. A COLLECTION BOX WILL BE IN THE
COMMONS AREA.

THE CHURCH LIBRARY JUST RECEIVED 10 KAREN
KINGSBURY BOOKS. FOUR ARE FROM THE 'ABOVE
THE LINE' SERIES, FIVE ARE FROM THE 'FIRST BORN'
SERIES, AND "ON EVERT SIDE" IS A STAND ALONE.
COME CHECK THEM OUR AND WHILE YOU ARE THERE,
SEE WHAT ELSE WE OFFER IN OUR LIBRARY.

NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 8TH, WE WILL BE HOLDING THE
'SOUP-ER' BOWL LUNCH AT 11:30. THE FREE-WILL
OFFERING WILL GO TO COMMON CUP. THE SUNDAY
SCHOOL IS ALSO COLLECTING CANS OF SOUP IN THE
COMMONS AREA THROUGH THE END OF THE MONTH
FOR COMMON CUP. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

WE HAVE SOME IMPORTANT (AND, UNFORTUNATELY,
EXPENSIVE) REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE DUE ON OUR
BEAUTIFUL PIPE ORGAN – WHICH WILL BE 30 YEARS
OLD NEXT YEAR. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS YEARS
PIE SALE AND FROM THE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
WILL GO TOWARDS THIS CAUSE. ALSO, WE HAVE
BOOKED THE "LOONEY LUTHERANS" (AKA "CHURCH
BASEMENT LADIES") FOR AN AUGUST PERFORMANCE
ALONG WITH THE RETURN OF OUR ICE CREAM
SOCIAL AS FUNDRAISERS FOR THE ORGAN. THE
DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PIE ORDER FORMS IS
FEB 11TH WITH PICK-UP ON FEB 13TH.

BUILDING DEBT FUND		
Balance—1/1/23.....	\$2,286,302.71	
Balance—1/1/24.....	\$1,646,266.72	
Balance—1/1/25.....	\$1,163,007.65	
Balance—1/1/26.....	\$ 431,118.02	
Balance – 1/31/26.....	\$ 408,067.02*	
Principal paid in 2023.....	\$ 640,035.99	
Principal paid in 2024.....	\$ 483,259.07	
Principal paid in 2025.....	\$ 731,889.63	
Principal paid in 2026.....	\$ 23,051.00	
WEEKLY OFFERINGS		
Offerings Deposited 1/22– 1/28	\$	12,199
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$	15,673

PRAYER LIST

Rita Janke	Mabel Boelter
Barb Ribar	Gale Schlueter
Elaine Lewerenz	Jan Klabunde
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Steve Schramm
Melinda Mikolichek	Bryce Cassens
Delores Plath	Mary Melin
Rueben Draeger	Morgan Miller
Melissa Wanous	Hazel Sitz
Bev Alsleben	

If you know of someone who is ill or hospitalized or would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office.

WORSHIP BAGS FOR CHILDREN are in the red wagons in the Chapel, Peace Center or Narthex. Children may use the bags during Worship and return them to the wagon.

Attendance Last Week

Saturday 6:30pm	64
Sunday 8:30am	156
Sunday 10:30am	75
TOTAL	295
Online	605

REMINDER: Folding day for the Messenger is Friday, Feb 20th at 10:30am in Room 209

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (2/1)
 8:30am Worship/Communion
 9:40am Sunday School
 9:40am Adult Bible Study
 10:30am Worship
11:30 CONGREGATIONAL MTG

MONDAY (2/2)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
 4:00pm Grief Share

TUESDAY (2/3)
 6:45am Men's Bible Study
 10:00am Women's Bible Study
 3:00pm Parables Bible Study
 6:00pm Women Talk
 6:30pm Elders

WEDNESDAY (2/4)
 9:00am Release Time
 10:00am Body and Soul
 11:45am Lunch & Bible Study
 1:00pm Mission Sewing
 2:45pm Confirmation
 3:20pm Tiger Tweens
 4:30pm Youth Group
 5:30pm Adult Choir
 6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (2/5)
 10am-6pm OCCASIONAL SALE

FRIDAY (2/6)

SATURDAY (2/7)
 6:45am Men's Bible Study
 6:30pm Worship

UPCOMING

SUNDAY (2/8)
 8:30am Worship
 9:40am Sunday School
 9:40am Adult Bible Study
 10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (2/9)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
 4:00pm Grief Share

TUESDAY (2/10)
 6:45am Men's Bible Study
 10:00am Women's Bible Study
 12-6 Bloodmobile
 3:00pm Parables Bible Study
 6:30pm Council
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (2/11)
 9:00am Release Time
 10:00am Body and Soul
 11:45am Lunch & Bible Study
 2:45pm Confirmation
 3:20pm Tiger Tweens
 4:30pm Youth Group
 5:30pm Adult Choir
 6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (2/12)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

FRIDAY (2/13)

SATURDAY (2/14)
 6:45am Bible Study
 6:30pm Worship/Communion

Thrivent has granted us money to raise funds for the Taxi Service. The last 3 Sundays in January and also February 1st. will be the days we will try to reach a goal of \$500 for the taxi. Please donate extra for treats and coffee. Thank you for being generous!

Common Cup Ministry's Weekend Food Program currently serves 400 students each week in McLeod County, providing weekend meals to children whose families qualify for educational benefits. We gratefully accept donations of food items and monetary gifts to help sustain this vital program. Food items most needed: fruit cups, hot chocolate packets, ramen noodles, 100% juice boxes, applesauce cups, snack cracker packets (peanut butter or cheese) pop tarts, pudding cups, instant oatmeal packet (flavored), Easy Mac packets, granola bars, protein bars, Chef Boyardee cups, Jif to go packs, Ritz short stacks and 8 oz instant breakfast bottles. If you would like to help support this program, please drop off donations in our Commons Area

Thank you to all the shoppers and volunteers and those who have generously donated items for our sales at Peace. The January 8th total sales were \$2,142.25! One quarter of the January sales \$535.56, will go to Common Cup, \$535.56 will go towards building utilities and maintenance, and half, \$1,071.13, will go towards debt reduction. The next sale will be February 5th with a quarter of the proceeds going to Safe Avenues (formerly McLeod Alliance) The next drop off date is Monday, February 23rd, 4-6pm. Please Note: we will not accept any donations on the days of our sales. Any questions, please contact Lynn at (320) 582-0193 or Gayle at (320) 583-2487. We are always looking for VOLUNTEERS to help sort, price, display donated items. Every Monday and Thursday from 10:00am to 12 noon, the crew is at Peace Place. Feel free to come and see what's going on (or drop off donated items). PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS OUTSIDE OF THE DOOR.